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### **California Budget Crisis:**

## **1/26 Senate Budget Committee Agenda Released**

## **Assembly Budget IHSS Oversight Agenda Available**

***Focus of Hearings on Tuesday Include Governor's Proposed Elimination of All Medi-Cal Funding for Adult Day Health Care and Major Cuts to Medi-Cal and Mental Health – Assembly Budget Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> IHSS Oversight Hearing on January 27<sup>th</sup> on Implementation November 2009 of IHSS Worker Requirements***

SACRAMENTO, CALIF (CDCAN) [Updated 01/26/10 10:00 AM (Pacific Time)] - The agenda for the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee hearing scheduled for today (January 26<sup>th</sup>), from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the State Capitol in Room 4203, was released this morning and, as previously reported, with a focus on the Governor's special session health budget proposals including proposals that call for Medi-Cal "cost containment" measures that would mean over \$1 billion in spending reductions to the Medi-Cal program; a proposal for the permanent elimination of all Medi-Cal funding for Adult Day Health Care, which is a Medi-Cal optional benefit and major cuts proposed to mental health services and other proposed reductions to health budget programs.

As previously reported, the Department of Health Care Services, the state agency that oversees the state's Medicaid program (called "Medi-Cal") released 4 different proposed budget legislative language on January 20<sup>th</sup>, to make the necessary changes in state law or to provide authority to implement several of the Medi-Cal reductions (see CDCAN Report #019-2010 on the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us) and for copies of the budget legislative language.

Representatives from the Governor's Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst Office, the non-partisan agency that works for the Legislature in reviewing and providing analysis on budget issues, will be at each of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review

Committee hearings. Brief public testimony and comments will be taken at the Senate budget hearings – though persons can submit written comments and testimony before, during and after the hearings (see below for address information).

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee nor the Assembly Budget Committee is not expected to take final action on the Governor’s proposals during these hearings.

Most of the other proposals by the Governor that would take effect during the next State budget year that begins July 1, 2010, will be heard later – likely March through April and early May, during what used to be the normal state budget subcommittee process.

### **IHSS Reforms Focus of January 27<sup>th</sup> Oversight Hearing by Assembly Budget Committee – Final Agenda Released**

Also this week, on Wednesday (January 27<sup>th</sup>) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oversight informational hearing by the Assembly Budget Committee with the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services, focusing on implementation of recent changes and reforms to the In-Home Supportive Services program that went into effect last November (see below for final agenda).

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee scheduled February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM, an informational hearing on human service special session budget proposals by the Governor including proposed reductions to In-Home Supportive Services, SSI/SSP, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants and CalWORKS.

### **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Agenda**

Note the numbers before each department is the State budget number for that specific department (“4260” means Department of Health Care Services – the state agency that among other things, oversees the State’s Medicaid (called “Medi-Cal) program)

#### *SENATE BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA*

*Overview of the Governor’s Budget Proposals for Health, Developmental Services, Mental Health and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program*

#### *4260 Department of Health Care Services: Medi-Cal Program*

- *Obtain Federal Approval to Establish Limits on Benefits, Expand Cost Sharing & Other Program Changes*
- *Newly-Qualified Legal Immigrant Adults*
- *Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL individuals)*
- *Eliminate Adult Day Health Care*
- *Delay Medi-Cal Checkwrite for Institutional Providers*
- *Reduce Reimbursement Paid for Eight Family Planning Service Codes*
- *Medi-Cal Anti-Fraud on Physician Services & Pharmacy*

*4260 Department of Health Care Services: California Children’s Services Program  
Reduce Eligibility for CCS Children from 250 percent to 200 percent in Healthy Families Program*

*4280 Department of Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board: Healthy Families Program  
Reduce Children's Eligibility in Healthy Families from 250 percent to 200 percent of  
poverty*

*Eliminate Vision Benefit & Increase Premiums Paid by Families*

*4265 Department of Public Health: Office of AIDS Technical Federal Fund Shift  
Eliminate Use of AIDS Drug Assistance in County Jails*

*4440 Department of Mental Health: Proposal to Redirect Proposition 63 Funds  
Use Mental Health Services Act Funds to Backfill for GF*

*4300 Department of Developmental Services  
Continue Three Percent Reduction to Regional Centers  
Augmentation for Costs Associated with Reductions in Other Departments  
Proposed Alternative Funding for Regional Centers*

*4250 CA Children & Families Commission (Proposition 10)  
Redirect Proposition 10 Funds Through June 2010 Ballot Measure*

#### **SENATE BUDGET & FISCLA REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Total Members: 15

Democrats (10 members): *Denise Ducheny (Committee Chair), Elaine Alquist (chair of the Senate Health Committee), Mark DeSaulnier, Mark Leno (chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health & Human Services), Carol Liu (chair of the Senate Human Services Committee), Alan Lowenthal (chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee), Gloria Negrete McLeod, Alex Padilla, Joe Simitian and Roderick Wright*

Republicans (5 members): *Robert Dutton (Committee Vice-Chair), Roy Ashburn, Robert Huff, Abel Maldonado, and Mimi Walters*

Note: Leno, Alquist and Ashburn are the three members who make up the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services.

To provide this committee with written testimony or comments, send to the committee office (or provide during the committee hearing):

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Office

State Capitol – Room 5019 [different from the committee hearing room]

Sacramento, CA 95814

Main committee office phone: (916) 651-4103

#### **Also Scheduled Today (January 26<sup>th</sup>) Is Informational Hearing On “Future of Long Term Care”**

- Also scheduled for Tuesday at 1:30 PM, is a separate informational hearing on related budget issue, focusing on “the future of Long Term Care” by the Senate Human Services Committee and the Senate Health Subcommittee on Aging and Long Term Care.

- The Governor also is proposing major cuts to Healthy Families – the state’s health insurance program for low income children matched with federal State Children’s Health Insurance Program funds, reductions to Mental Health by proposing shifting funds from the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63), and continuing on-going reductions passed last July and February to developmental services (community-based services funded through the 21 non-profit regional centers under the Department of Developmental Services, who also oversee the operations of the state owned and staffed developmental centers and 2 smaller facilities.

**Final Agenda for Assembly Budget Committee Oversight Hearing on IHSS Reforms Jan. 27th**

Also scheduled this week on January 27<sup>th</sup>, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oversight hearing by the Assembly Budget Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Noreen Evans (Democrat - Santa Rosa) scheduled with the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services, chaired by State Sen. Mark Leno (Democrat – San Francisco), on the implementation of various changes and reforms to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program.

Senior officials from the Schwarzenegger Administration will be present, including John Wagner, director of the Department of Social Services – the state agency that oversees statewide the IHSS Program, and also deputy directors Pete Cervinka and Eva Lopez.

Due to time constraints, the committee will not be able to take any public testimony at the hearing – but will take letters and written comments and testimony submitted or sent before, during and after the hearing (see below for committee address).

Final Agenda for January 27<sup>th</sup> Hearing:

Note: other related documents for this informational oversight hearing can be viewed and downloaded from the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)

*ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*

*Third Oversight Hearing on Implementation of Recent Changes in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program*

*Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Room 4202, State Capitol*

*AGENDA*

1. *Opening Remarks from Chairs and Members*
2. *Update on IHSS Implementation of Provider Enrollment and Program Integrity Changes*
  - *John Wagner, Director, California Department of Social Services (DSS)*
  - *Pete Cervinka, Program Deputy Director for Benefits and Services, DSS*

- *Eva Lopez, Deputy Director, Adult Programs Division, DSS*
  - *Robert O'Neill, Deputy Director, Audits and Investigations Division, Department of Health Care Services*
  - *Cathy Senderling-McDonald, Senior Legislative Advocate, County Welfare Directors Association of California*
  - 3. *Feedback from Advocates and Prioritization of Continuing Issues*
    - *Deborah Doctor, Legislative Advocate, Disability Rights California*
    - *Mark Beckwith, IHSS Consumer, Advocate with Northern California ADAPT, and Member, Advisory Board of Alameda County IHSS Public Authority*
    - *Jovan Agee, Political & Legislative Director, United Domestic Workers of America / AFSCME*
    - *Gail Ennis, President, California United Homecare Workers, SEIU / AFSCME Local 4034*
    - *Helen Lopez, Executive Director, San Bernardino IHSS Public Authority, representing the California Association of Public Authorities*
  - 4. *Response from Department of Social Services (DSS) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to Additional Issues Raised*
  - 5. *Questions from Members and Closing Remarks*
- Please note: Comment cards will be available and received at the hearing from members of the public who would like to submit written testimony.*

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groups, Resources for Independent Living and many other Independent Living Centers, several regional centers, People First chapters, IHSS workers, other self advocacy and family support groups, developmental center families, adoption assistance program families and children, and others across California